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SUBJ: BARBADIAN GOVT PROTESTS OVER FARE INCREASE BY AMERICAN
AIRLINES

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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM BARBADOS GOVT,
NO. 3032/12/39/T.1, DATED AUGUST 15, RECEIVED AUGUST 19, PRO-
TESTING UNILATERAL FARE INCREASE BY AMERICAN AIRLINES ON NORTH-
SOUTH TRAFFIC FROM NEW YORK TO BRIDGETOWN. FULL TEXT
QUOTED BELOW. FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AND EMBASSY COMMENT,
SEE SEPTTEL.

2. "THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF BARBADOS PRESENTS ITS
COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND
HAS THE HONOUR TO STATE THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS
OF PARAGRAPH 8(B) OF THE UNDERSTANDING OF 27TH APRIL, 1972,
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF BARBADOS AND THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA RELATING TO AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES, AMERICAN AIRLINES
HAS SUBMITTED TO THE BARBADOS AIR TRANSPORT LICENSING AUTHORITY
A PROPOSAL FOR AN INCREASE IN FARES BETWEEN BARBADOS AND NEW YORK
TO BE EFFECTIVE 1ST JULY, 1977.

"THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS WISHES TO STATE THAT
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THE AIR TRANSPORT LICENSING AUTHORITY OF BARBADOS ON 7TH
MARCH, 1977, RECEIVED FROM AMERICAN AIRLINES AN APPLICA-
TION FOR AN INCREASE IN FARES ON THE BARBADOS/NEW YORK
ROUTE WHICH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY WITHDRAWN BY THIS AIRLINE.
AT THAT TIME, THE STATED REASON FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE
FILING BY THE AIRLINE WAS THE DISAPPROVAL OF AN IATA
PACKAGE BY THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD.

"FOLLOWING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THIS FARE FILING, AMERICAN AIRLINES BY LETTERS OF 26TH APRIL AND 17TH MAY, 1977, RE-SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION FOR AN INCREASE IN FIRST CLASS, APEX, INCENTIVE OWN USE GROUP FARES AND A MODIFICATION IN THE CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL WHEREBY 1ST JULY, 1977 TO 31ST AUGUST, 1977, WOULD BE REGARDED AS THE PEAK PERIOD IN ADDITION TO THE 16TH DECEMBER, 1977 TO 14TH APRIL, 1978.

"THE AIRLINE HOWEVER DID NOT PROVIDE ANY COST JUSTIFICATION IN SUPPORT OF THESE PROPOSED TARIFF CHANGES.

"THE AIR TRANSPORT LICENSING AUTHORITY OF BARBADOS HAS REQUESTED CERTAIN ECONOMIC DATA FROM AMERICAN AIRLINES IN RESPECT OF THIS TARIFF CHANGE WHICH TO DATE HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, AND IN KEEPING WITH THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 8(B) OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OF 27TH APRIL, 1972, BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF BARBADOS AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA RELATING TO AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES, THESE PROPOSED TARIFF CHANGES, WITH A PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1ST JULY, 1977, MAY NOT BE PUT INTO EFFECT UNTIL THE AIR TRANSPORT LICENSING AUTHORITY OF BARBADOS HAS APPROVED THEM.

"THE AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES OF BARBADOS HAVE NOTED THAT AMERICAN AIRLINES IS CURRENTLY CHARGING THESE
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HIGHER FARES, ON A DIRECTIONAL BASIS, ON THE BARBADOS-NEW YORK ROUTE. IN VIEW, THEREFORE, OF THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 8(B) OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OF 27TH APRIL, 1972, BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF BARBADOS AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA RELATING TO AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF AMERICAN AIRLINES IS INSTRUCTED TO DISCONTINUE CHARGING THESE HIGHER FARES UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE AIR TRANSPORT LICENSING AUTHORITY OF BARBADOS. IT IS HOPED THAT AMERICAN AIRLINES WILL ENDEAVOUR TO SUBMIT THE ECONOMIC DATA REQUIRED IN RESPECT OF ITS APPLICATION AT AN EARLY DATE IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE THE EXAMINATION OF THIS FARE FILING.

"THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF BARBADOS AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

"MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, BARBADOS."
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